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NO

Commissioner's Report

The following are the findings of Commissioner His Honour Judge J. A. Jackson appointed to enquire into alleged irregularities in the conduct and the management of the business and affairs of the Eastern Irrigation District.

FINDINGS

I find on the whole that the District has been managed remarkably well since it has been put under local management and that the Board of Trustees entered enthusiastically into their work, notwithstanding they acted practically without pay, the insignificant sum of \$5.00 per month bearing no relation to the amount of time and energy spent on the work. The Board, while leaving the actual management to Mr. Gray, was by no means a rubber-stamp. The members were active and conscientious in their duties. Mr. Gray was bound up in the success of the project. His energy and driving force did much to bring the District to the place where it is today. Nothing was found in the evidence that would indicate the Board and Manager or either of them, had any improper motives or were guilty of any intentional wrong. The motives were good but the methods often used are subject to criticism. There were irregularities, the seriousness of many of which were toned down by the honesty of those in charge.

It has been contended that I have no authority under my commission to deal with questions of law; that it is only a fact finding commission; that I cannot go further than to

say what the facts are in case of conflict of evidence. If this contention is right my work was done when the evidence was all in, as there is practically no evidence over which there is any dispute, a different point of view and different interests probably accounting for any variations, I do not, however, consider this to be the case. My commission covers the question of irregularities, and generally, the conduct and management of the E. I. D. In order to find what are or are not irregularities I must know what an irregularity is, and if the question of an irregularity depends on the interpretation of a certain law I must, I think, look at and interpret such law. I can at least give myself credit for as much intelligence in this respect as a Jurymen. My appointment was, among probably other reasons, because I was supposed to have a knowledge of law as well as some ability in finding facts. A jurymen in giving a verdict must know or have explained to him the law that affects the case, and being a judge I must be considered to have had those points of law in mind without further explanation.

I express my opinion on these matters because it has been seriously contended that I cannot draw any conclusions as to what are or are not irregularities -- only finding the facts. I am going on the assumption that I have not only to find the facts but also to find if there are any irregularities, and if such, what and report on same. I may say this however, that if there is any doubt in my mind on the question of law, I have not hesitated to say so.

In using the words 'irregularity' or 'irregularities' I do so in the

broadest sense. If it were restricted to dishonesty or bad faith the inquiry would be futile from the beginning as no allegations of graft, theft or personal dishonesty were made. These words, I take it, apply to policy, judgment and methods, where the policy, judgment or method affects the farmers of the District and the general public, and at the same time is now or could be in the future harmful to the district, the farmers, or the public generally.

IRREGULARITIES

I enumerate these:

- (1) I find no authority for the incorporation of the E. I. D. I would add that the formation of a subsidiary company by a public body acting under a perpetual trust such as the E. I. D. is bad policy and is irregular.
- (2) I find it to be irregular in that financial assistance was given to such as the Rosemary Cheese Factory, the Bassano Creamery, the alfalfa meal mill and the Gem Community Club. I find no authority for these. It seems to me to be an irregular diversion of moneys to enterprises not directly connected with irrigation and colonization. The law should be more explicit.
- (3) The payment of fees for incorporation of companies not directly connected with the E. I. D. is, in my opinion, irregular.
- (4) It was irregular for the General Manager to order that Mr. Hamilton, an official of the E. I. D. take money out of a bank account and keep it in his own personal possession when garnishee proceedings were threatened against the E. I. D.
- (5) The order to Mr. Hamilton to open a trust account in his own name in connection with Lakeland's Limited is irregular.
- (6) I find an irregularity in Mr. Gray's connection with the Bassano Creamery, the E. I. D. and Lakeland's taken as a group. Mr. Gray was a 'promotional' shareholder in each, yet his reasons for participation seemed to vary.

Continued Next Week

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. H. D. Connor, Nancy and Dudley who have been holidaying at Sylvan Lake, returned Wednesday morning.

Mr. W. Henderson, of Medicine Hat, was a visitor at the Isbister home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Corpell and two children left by train for Hanna on Wednesday, to visit at the home of the former's sister.

Mrs. E. A. Jacobson left for Calgary this week where she will visit with her son Arthur who is in the T. B. Hospital.

Mrs. Czerkas who underwent an operation at Calgary, returned Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Bangs and children of Bindloss, are visiting at the home of the former's parents at the hotel.

Mr. E. Sawyer is a Calgary visitor this week.

Mr. DeMann, of Morrin, (formerly of Chinook) was in town Thursday looking after some repair work which is being done on his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Isbister and Mrs. Nicholson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hutchinson Sunday.

Mr. Bruce Barros Dewberry, arrived here Sunday to visit with his parents at the hotel.

Mrs. Bowman Youngstown visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Morrell and children left Monday for their new home. Mr. Morrell has been appointed principal of the Irricana school.

Mr. and Mrs. Barros of Minnesota, arrived here last week to visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barros.

Farewell Party For Mrs. Morrell

The Ladies' Card Club had a farewell party Friday evening, at the home of Mrs. L. Cooley in honor of Mrs. F. Morrell, who is moving to Irricana, Alta. A very pleasant evening was spent by all. At the close a dainty lunch was served.

RECITAL A SUCCESS

Miss Margaret Waterhouse of Cereal, Alberta, who has been studying music in England for the past two years, gave her first piano recital in the Aeolian Hall, London, the end of June, when she met with so much success that she immediately received bookings for several future concerts. Critic remarks include the following: "It would be difficult to comment too highly her habitual reliance exclusively on finger muscles. Here is the very technique for the relation of Debussy's subtly contracted plumes of color." "Gifted with an attractive personality her pianistic abilities may be best described as slick."

FIRST OF SEASONS CROP

We know it would have to come soon with the opening of the fishing season. Here's one of the first of the season's crop, according to G. K. Howard, director of fishing and hunting for the Canadian National Railways.

The scene is laid in Prince Edward Island, the Garden of the Gulf, where it seems even the fish know their ancestry. Up in the northern section of "The Island", around Kildare, a pier, among others, wasn't having any luck; the fish wouldn't bite. The pier, however, had he forethought to bring along his pier and since the fish were not biting, he grabbed the chance to try over a few reels and strathspeys.

It was the strains of the Maids of the Kintail that did it. While the Highland music poured from the pipes as the pier strode the bank of the stream, numerous trout were to be seen near the surface of the water. Twenty fish were caught in the ensuing hour.

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Economic Colonization

It must come somewhat as a surprise to prairie farmers and Western Canadians generally, who have felt and still are feeling the impact of an economic and agricultural depression of great severity, to find Eastern publications persistently harping upon the necessity of opening the gates of this country to more agriculturists as a condition precedent to freer migration from European countries.

There can be no gainsaying of the argument of the protagonists of colonization that this country needs a greater population to help carry the burden of the cost of transportation and other facilities with which the wide-open but sparsely settled spaces of the west have been provided at considerable expense, but when it is suggested that the type of settler most needed is farmer, whether experienced or otherwise, there should not be any room for a difference of opinion.

The answer, so far as the west is concerned, must necessarily be in the negative, as long as the bulk of agricultural production in this country consists of commodities which must be sold in world markets at prices which are set by world competition.

Even in countries, or sections of this country, where agriculture is highly diversified, expert economists have found that 15 per cent. of the population can easily supply the food requirements of the entire country. How, then, is the problem of producing at a margin of profit going to be solved in a country in which more than 50 per cent. of the population is engaged in agriculture and is forced to sell the bulk of its production with other producing countries, by bringing in more agriculturists?

All Occupied Now

Practically all of the arable land in Western Canada and some land which is not productive is now under tillage and there is even some suggestion on the part of economists that some of this acreage will have to be curtailed, if the farmers already on the land are to be able to continue to make a living.

Those who are farming marginal lands cannot hope to make a profit if the bulk of their produce has to be sold in world competitive markets and, if the economists are to be believed, those who are farming the most productive land must scale their costs down to a low figure if they are to make their venture profitable, and that means sparse farming on considerable scale, which, in turn, means a comparatively sparse rural population over a wide stretch of country, just so long as the bulk of production cannot be disposed of in local markets.

What, then, is to become of the immigrant agriculturist? Is he to be expected to wrest a living out of marginal lands which others have found unprofitable, or is he to occupy good productive land which must be equipped with expensive machinery for large scale farming, involving displacement of the present owners or occupants? If the latter, what becomes of the present owners or occupants, and to what extent does the country benefit, by the advent of the new farmer?

When facts and the conditions under which agriculture has to be operated in the Canadian west to be successful are given their full weight, it is difficult to see how anyone can, at the present time, advocate an influx of more agriculturists from other countries.

The Required Type

As stated at the outset, more population is required to help carry the burden of taxation which has been found necessary to maintain the country's governmental operations and to finance the debt which has been incurred to provide the people with facilities and services.

But the type of settler needed is one who will be a consumer and not a producer of agricultural products, thus widening the domestic markets and enabling established farmers to dispose of a larger percentage of their commodities at home and a smaller proportion abroad.

The new settler, to fit into the needs of the country, must also be a producer, but not a producer of agricultural commodities. Not only must he be a producer, but he must be a skilled worker. There are now in Canada far too many unskilled laborers for the country's present industrial demand. One has only to scan the relief lists in the cities to secure the evidence.

If immigration is to be allowed, the new settlers should be skilled workers versed in the technical arts of converting some of the natural resources of the country into commercially useful commodities. Only immigrants of this type, under existing conditions, can be expected to be of economic value, even in the east and much more so in the west. They, and they alone, are in a position to assist the country towards the goal of a better balanced economy.

Youth Training Plan

Establishing Young Men in Courses Connected With Aviation

Several provinces now have agreements with the Dominion in connection with the youth training plan, and schedules of projects are being drafted. Attention is being given to establishing courses for young men in trades associated with aviation.

Some months ago Hon. Ian MacKenzie, defence minister, and Hon. Norman Rogers, labor minister, discussed the possibilities of training youths as air mechanics. The figure initially mentioned was 2,000.

The hope was entertained that over the three-year period of the plan a large proportion of the men might embrace the opportunity to engage with the R.C.A.F., while others would be absorbed by the civil aviation companies and the aircraft manufacturing industry generally.

Canada's aircraft industry flourishes in four provinces—Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. At the same time prospects are for substantial increase in personnel of the R.C.A.F. in the next three years.

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Thus it is not only that the taxpayer takes the winnings but that the ominous tread of approaching fate frightens the players away.

It would seem as if there ought to be enough sane and clear-sighted people alive to combine to put an end to this nightmare. If the nations which have the intelligence to see that this mad race toward disaster cannot go on forever would pool their superior strength, they could set up court in the midst of international anarchy and compel all litigants who think they have grievances to submit their cases for settlement. There is not a village in Canada or the United States where the citizens would permit such a crazed, murderous, mining camp condition to exist over-night.

Sounds Like Good Advice

Young Men Should Be Active In Community

Robert Bow, age 28, told the Targ convention in West Ottawa that he had been fighting the battle of his party since he was 14. His advice to young men was to join a party and thus help fellow-Canadians to advance the good of their country. There are people who never go to church who find fault with all churches. They assume a privilege to which they have no claim or right. And it is the same with the indifferent public who condemn both political parties, and only take a negative interest in matters of public concern. —St. Catharines Standard.

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Canadian Timber

British Government Declares That Canada Best Source Of Lumber In War Time

The British government has decided that Canada is the best source of supply for lumber coal mine props in war time.

Geoffrey Lloyd, secretary for mines, announced a comprehensive scheme for the control of prices and supplies of coal and electricity in war time which could be put into immediate operation.

At present Britain spends £3,500,000 (\$16,380,000) annually for imported pit props, mostly from Scandinavian and Baltic countries. The government plan calls for Canada to get the bulk of this trade in war time.

It is understood comprehensive plans already have been made by colliery companies and timber importers.

The wartime control scheme will have the object of maintaining production of coal at the level necessary for the industrial effort of the nation. Prices will be set and supplies distributed and rationed with priority for essential industries.

Supplies of coal, gas and electricity will be rationed to domestic users through a system of government-appointed officers. Export of coal will be prohibited except by government licence. Every effort will be made to limit exports to allied countries.

Canadian Gold Mines

Production Has Increased Enormously During The Past 20 Years

According to a survey made at Toronto, Canadian gold mines increased production enormously in the last 20 years. About 1920 the gold output of Canada was nine per cent. of that of South Africa. Ten years ago it was equal to 18 per cent. and in 1938 nearly 30 per cent.

Of the 55 gold mines in the world that produce more than 100,000 ounces annually, 10 are in Canada. These are Hollinger, Lake Shore, Noranda, McIntyre, Wright-Harvey, Dome, Lamoine, Hudson Bay, Teck-Hughes and Bralorne.

It was noteworthy that 4½ of the 55 largest gold mines are under British control, divided as follows: South Africa, 32; Canada, 10; Gold Coast, 2; Australia, 1; Rhodesia, 1. Largest producer is Crown Mines in the Transvaal—Canadian Press.

Taking Home The Proof

American Fishermen Would Need Story To Match Picture

There would be some tall fish stories told when a couple of American tourists returned home after their cruise in Canadian waters. A butcher at Midland, Ont., bought two lake trout, one weighing 43 pounds and the other 34 pounds, from an Indian fisherman.

The tourists spent the whoppers in the butcher shop window and an idea developed. They borrowed the fish and two fishing rods from a sports shop across the street and then had their pictures taken with the fish, but not in front of the butcher shop. The pair spent the rest of the day mapping out their stories to tell cautious friends back home about the "big fellows that didn't get away."

There are approximately 10,000 independent oil producers in the United States, as well as 63 refineries, 10,000 jobbers and 250,000 retail oil dealers.

Stays To The Finish

When John Bull Starts Anything He Always Sees It Through

It's been known for a long time that when old John Bull finally gets going he's pretty much of a terror. The last to start fighting, he's invariably the last to quit.

Latest demonstration of this characteristic was given by the British House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon. Sir John told the House that Britain's expenditure on armaments this year would reach the astonishing figure of \$3,416,000,000.

That should be an eye-opener for even Herr Hitler.

In Germany they've been picturing Mr. Chamberlain as an elderly, benevolent and somewhat bewildered gentleman, carrying an umbrella. But the elderly benevolent gentleman, betrayed, has turned to forging his way into the world's mightiest weapon.

Britain to-day is turning out as many airplanes as Germany; will soon be turning out more than Germany; and has the mightiest fleet in battle array that history has seen upon the seas. The British, in fact (to quote the words spoken Thursday by the new Inspector General of their home forces), have become "fed up with the ruddy dictators," have begun to talk rough and act tough on their own.

And Britain has more than airships and battle fleets and guns. Britain has the money. This year, Sir John Simon showed, she will spend altogether some \$7,000,000,000—almost equal to the total of all Canada's debts, national, provincial and municipal.

They are a tremendous people, the quiet-spoken inhabitants of the British Isles. Just now, in what they are doing, they are the world's best insurance policy against the designs and pretensions of international bullies and tyrants.—From the Ottawa Journal.

In The Far East

Some Interesting Information Is Contained In New Book

Neal O'Hara tells us in the New York Post that from John Gunther's "Inside Asia," you learn that the Japanese Prime Minister's salary is \$2,992 a year; a beik following a meal in Nippon is a compliment; an average of 29,000 persons are picked off the streets of Shanghai each year, dead of starvation, yet in the same city one may dine at a restaurant where a dinner costs \$600, that American cigarettes sell at a lower price in India than in the United States.

Money In Pigs

Pigs have rooted their way into second place in Canada's agricultural exports, the value of bacon hog exports being exceeded only by wheat shipments. Last year pigs brought our farmers over \$55,000,000 of which \$30,000,000 came from abroad.

In Brazil and Venezuela, prospectors for iron ore often discover rich deposits by a certain type of orchid which thrives in the iron-bearing soil.

There are seven million bicycles in the United States.

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A Salute To The Royal Ambassadors Of Friendship

From a conquest without parallel in history, from a victory which has lifted the spirit and cheered the souls of half mankind, from the happiest crusade the world has ever known, our King and Queen come smiling back to us.

Not merely with loyal and dutiful greeting do our people receive them, and with a heightened pride and gratitude beyond all pageantry of welcome; for they have turned the eyes of a troubled world to brighter horizons, toward the vision splendid. They have proved that true nobility of character, inborn graciousness and selfless devotion contribute more surely to the goodwill and contentment of peoples than all the armories of earth.

God grant that one day this lesson may be so learned the wide world over that individuals and nations will come to build, here a little, there a little, on these foundations, enduring peace and happiness and freedom for all the children of men.

"God Save Their Majesties". (Famous British Mercantile House ran this full-page advertisement in the London Times to mark the return of King George and Queen Elizabeth from Canada.)

Estates In Sicily

Premier Mussolini Has Ten-Year Plan To Divide Large Holdings

Premier Mussolini has announced a 10-year plan to break up large landed estates in Sicily and to substitute small farms cultivated by the families living upon them.

The plan contemplates establishment of 20,000 individual farms in an area of about 1,500,000 acres at a private and public cost of \$4,000,000,000 lire (\$208,000,000). The large landowners are expected to cooperate voluntarily and receive compensation for their land.

The wealthiest Sicilian landowners are the Prince of Trabia, Prince Mazarino, and the Dukes of Trapani and Salaparuta. The island's chief products are wheat and wine.

A Timely Warning

Swimmers Should Remember Not To Go Beyond Their Depth

There has been an appalling toll of deaths by drowning already this summer and many of them are traceable to swimmers getting beyond their depth and strong swimmers losing their lives attempting rescue. It is just as enjoyable swimming in water in which one can find a footing as in too deep water and no one, unless he is a strong and expert swimmer should go beyond his depth.

Now Indian Tribe Member

Helen Keller Made Blood Sister Of Stonyons At Banff

Miss Helen Keller of New York, famous blind and deaf woman, was made a "blood-sister" of the Stonyons Indian tribe of southern Alberta at a ceremony at Banff, Alta. She is now "White Plume" of the Stonyons, the second white woman to be adopted into the tribe. The first was Mrs. Norman K. Luxton, of Banff.

SAVED!

The Price of a Good Movie

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Wonderful Recipe For Caramel Pudding

(Note: When used, this dessert may be made in 10 minutes.)

Stir ¾ cup brown sugar in shallow pan over low heat until sugar has melted and browned delicately. Slowly stir in ½ cup boiling water and cook, stirring often, until caramel has melted and syrup thickened slightly. Mix ½ cup brown sugar very thoroughly with 4 tablespoons Durham Corn Starch and ¼ teaspoon salt; stir in 2½ cups hot milk. Stir and cook in double boiler until mixture thickens. Add the caramel syrup; cover and cook, with occasional stirring, until no raw flavor remains. Remove from heat and add ½ teaspoon vanilla. Cool slightly and turn into wet molds or dessert glasses. Serve cold. Delicious with cream, plain or whipped. Nutmegs or chopped dates a grand addition. D13

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A Grower Of Orchids

British Millionaire Has Produced Many Rare And Costly Plants

Sir Jeremiah Colman, millionaire because he developed the tiny wild mustard flower, now (at 80) grower of orchids—had one of the loveliest stands at the Chelsea Flower Show, which opened in a gala recently.

He has spent years breeding from the wild plants that are sent to him from South America. When he finally produces a plant of rare color and unusual shape, worth hundreds of pounds, he gives cuttings away to his rivals. He never sells them.

The show was full of contradictions—a china blue poppy, a spike lily just like a bluebell, delphiniums like hollyhocks, carnations like sweet williams.—London Daily Chronicle.

North American birds are more or less closely related with birds of the old world, but the bird life of South America is more peculiarly a type of its own.

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THE RIVER OF SKULLS



CHAPTER I.—Continued

The crust offered good footing and with snoushows on the sled and with what strength remained in their uncertain legs Noel and Alan followed the dog over the river ice up the valley.

Turning in shore at the water hole in the ice they followed a beaten trail back into the timber.

"Something ver' strange here," said the puzzled Indian, shaking his hooded head. "Dis ces no Montagnais camp. Were are de dog sign?"

"No, there are no signs of dogs, no signs of—well, look at that!"

"By gar, white men on de Talking River!"

Standing beside the husky whose throat rumbled as he suspiciously sniffed the air while the hair of his mane and back slowly rose, Alan and Noel gazed in amazement at the substantial log building, banked high with snow, which stood in the centre of the clearing that opened before them.

"White men on the Talking River!" Alan repeated, his curious eyes noting the size of the log cabin with its large mud-plastered chimney, the huge platform cache evidently piled with supplies which were covered by canvas, the two pairs of snoushows and the toboggan aged stuck in the snow beside the door, and close by the ample remains of what had evidently been an enormous wood-pile in the autumn.

Dizzy from weakness Alan started for the cabin. Reaching the slab door he struck it with his mittened hand and called out: "Hello! Hello there, inside!"

For answer the door slowly swung in and the two pinched faces in the hoods stared into the black muzzle of an automatic pistol. Hunched behind the pistol stood a bearded giant of a man whose ice-blue eyes glittered hostilely beneath a livid scar that gouged his forehead.

In all the wide north, starving men were not greeted in this fashion. Alan Cameron's hollow eyes flamed with anger as he met the cold stare that probed him.

"You don't need that gun," he rasped. "We're starved out, our trap-lines are up on the Mad River. We trade at Fort George. A wolferine got into our cache and destroyed every bit of fish and flour we had."

The threat slowly faded from the cold eyes and the gun went back to its holster. "Starved out, eh? You look it!"

"We were on our way to the Sinking Lakes to find the Montagnais."

"Well, you'd have been out of luck if you hadn't struck this place. There are no hunters on the Sinking Lakes this winter."

Alan and Noel exchanged perplexed glances.

"Dis boys," continued the giant, "I've got some caribou stew in the kettle that'll wipe that hungry look off your faces. Come in!"

"My dog, here," said Alan, "you'll give him something, too?"

"There's plenty of stew for you all. Unhitch him and bring him in." Dropping to his knees beside Rough, as he threw off his collar and belly-band, Alan whispered into a hairy ear. "You hear that, Rough? No more tough wolf! Mev! Deer stew for the big dog!"

"Drop your caribou and snoushows and make yourselves cozy, boys," said their host, as the two starved men sucked in the appetizing odors emanating from a huge copper kettle, perched on a sheet-iron folding stove which stood at the side of the clay-plastered fireplace. The giant filled two aluminum cups and a pan from the kettle. "You'll get just one cup apiece, now. I'll knock you out, if you hog it in your condition. I guess the dog can stand a panful."

The speaker placed a dish, cooled with a handful of snow, before the ravenous husky, dropped some snow

into the cups and handed them to Alan and Noel.

"Steady, boys—not all at once!" he warned, as the two feverishly drank the nourishing and palatable broth.

"We've been living on wolf the last week—what there was of it," said Alan. "I got two but they were like rawhide—no strength in them."

"Timber wolves?"

"No, white Arctic wolves."

"That explains it—hunting south for the caribou, and most of the deer have moved east out of this country."

"That's why the Montagnais did not winter on the Sinking Lakes," nodded Alan.

Seated on a chair made of split spruce slabs, Alan threw curious glances about the interior of the cabin while the big, yellow-haired man offered Noel a plug of smoking tobacco and cut fillings for the huge pipe he held in his hand. The spruce log walls were carefully chinked with moss plastered with mud. Two small windows made of caribou parchment through which the last rays of the sun dimly entered were aided in lighting the room by a large candle set in a horn stick. On a wall a pair of caribou antlers held three rifles, while from their brow lines hung two belts with sheathed skinning knives. Built into a corner of the room was a double-decked bunk, matted with spruce boughs and covered with Hudson's Bay blankets and dressed caribou and bear skins. Near the bunk a ladder of spruce poles reached to a trapdoor in the loft over the main room, and, at the end of the room, for the chimney was on the side of the building, a closed slab door, hung on rawhide hinges, communicated with a second room.

These details the quick eyes of Alan covered with a glance. The clamoring of his stomach was forgotten in his amazement at finding a permanent camp, which no man could build alone, on the headwaters of the Big River—on the frontiers of the unknown interior of Ungava. Who was this man and where were the others? For what were they here?

As the giant turned to him when he had lit Noel's pipe and his own, Alan pleaded: "Just one more cup of that stew!"

"No more, now," was the answer. "I'm boss here! Lie down, you two, and get some rest like the dog there. He's asleep already."

"Once we have more drink?" teased Noel.

"No, not a mouthful!" the bearded man lifted a big hand in a gesture of refusal. "In an hour you'll have more. Then, when you get some strength, we'll talk. You're weak as rabbits, now."

So Alan and Noel stretched upon the lower section of the slab and almost immediately the warmth of the cabin and the food in their stomach brought sleep.

CHAPTER II.

An hour later Alan and Noel rose from the bunk, their drawn faces beaming - at the thought of food. Smacking their cracked lips, they drank the nourishing liquid and asked for more.

"No, not yet!" refused their host. "It won't do to eat too fast. When did you lose your grub?"

"We left our camp ten days ago, with three rabbits."

"Then Alan suddenly demanded: "Rough?"

"He's out by the sled. Call him in."

Alan opened the door and the husky limped stiffly inside, cupped the pan, sniffing the massive head with its black and white markings, the great frame, with white chest and socks.

"Since we're going to see something of each other before you head for home," went on the giant, "what's your name?"

"Alan Cameron. My father was

factor at Fort George. My partner's name is Noel Leloup."

The big man extended a calloused hand to each of the boys. "My name is John McCord. Welcome to Castle McCord!" he added with a laugh.

Alan's mind was busy with the mystery of how this yellow-haired giant had found his way to the Talking River whose headwater lakes lie on the frontier of an unknown country. Who was he? Why did he come? Where were his men and dogs?

The cups and pan were shortly filled again. Then, lighting his pipe, McCord observed, "Worst tangle of lakes I ever saw—the head water country of these big rivers!"

"How did you get here?" The gray eyes of Cameron met the sudden scrutiny in the cold stare of his host.

"That's a fair question," admitted the latter, after an interval, the glitter slowly fading from his ice-blue eyes. "I came in from Rupert House with two canoes and six Indians. Some of my dogs were drowned in October on the young ice. My men took the rest and went to East Main for more."

"From Rupert House?" Alan and Noel exchanged puzzled looks.

"Yes, it took all summer. We were lost half the time. But we finally picked up a Montagnais who knew the portages to the Sinking Lakes. So here I am."

Alan's suspicions, aroused by their hostile reception, were fast fading under McCord's seeming frankness. But whom had McCord feared when he opened the door? Whom did he expect to meet here in the solitude of the Talking River country? From the appearance of the cache he had plenty of supplies and men working for him.

"You know where you are?" asked Alan. "On the edge of an unknown wilderness. No hunter knows what lies beyond the Sinking Lakes. The Montagnais will not cross the divide."

The bearded man threw back his head with a great laugh. "I suppose there are evil spirits there, loo, and giant Windigo who eat men alive!"

Into the dark eyes of Noel stole a look of uneasiness. Among his people belief in the supernatural was universal and to them the unknown heart of Ungava had, for generations, been a tabooed land, the home of demons.

(To Be Continued)

Dwarf Stars

Strange Phenomena Uncovered By New Telescopes

Remarkable discoveries of new telescopes, 18 dwarf stars, which are masses of fire compressed until the flames are thousands of times heavier than steel, were described to a conference on astrophysics.

New facts about these strange objects were reported by Dr. G. P. Kuiper, associate professor of astronomy, University of Chicago.

The dwarf stars range in size from that of the earth down to the moon. But each of them is from 150,000 to 800,000 times heavier than the earth. Their gravitational pull is so immense that the flames from their surface are only a few feet high.

On the sun, by way of understanding how grotesque this is, flames leap up 500,000 miles high. Yet the sun is only half as hot on the surface as the average dwarf star.

Romance In The North

Lady From Edinburgh Travels To Baker Lake In Far North

To Become Bride

Miss Jean Warren Stephen, Scottish lass, arrived at Churchill, en route from Edinburgh, Scotland to a Hudson's Bay Company post at Baker Lake in the sub-Arctic vastness 500 miles north of this northern grain port on the shores of Hudson Bay.

When she arrives at the far-north outpost, the Scottish lass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stephen of Edinburgh, will become the bride of Peter Dalrymple, post manager at Baker Lake.

Her husband-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dalrymple, Midlothian, Scotland. Miss Stephen plans to remain at Baker Lake for two years before coming out for a holiday.

Extremes Of Temperature

Using new radio sound observation instruments, Weather Man Ernest Carson reported one day recently that while the temperature was 75 in Miami, a reading of 93 below was recorded only 11 miles away. The 11-mile distance was straight up.

Periodically there is an agitation in favor of having all public holidays on Monday. We have a suggestion that beats that—why not have all the Mondays holidays?

A method of tenderizing meat by rays is a successful contribution of the physics laboratory.

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Follows Strange Calling

Woman Keeps Spiders For The Gossamer Threads They Produce

With actions as quick as the currying of the 200 spiders she nurses and pets, Miss Mary Pfeiffer began her 51st year recently as a winder of the gossamer threads spun by her charges.

Her nimble fingers followed swiftly the web-spinning of one spider after another, spooling the silk with brisk efficiency.

It's the "spider lady's" job to secure gossamer for insertion in the diaphragms of surveying telescopes. Her 50th year, she was the Kew-Forest and Essex plant at Hoboken, N.J., was completed and she was given a golden jubilee dinner by fellow employees and the company's board of directors.

A spy, bespectacled woman, Miss Pfeiffer says her charges are captured in fields, harnessed pig-stys because they spin the finest, yet strongest and most elastic silk.

Miss Pfeiffer obtains the silk by releasing one spider at a time from a community cage and allowing it to bolt for a window. Sometimes the spider seizes it's being followed and kills it. A more co-operative one replaces it.

Quite An Occasion

Bear Creek Presbyterian church near Sarnia, Ont., has been open for 64 years, but this month, for the first time, it was the scene of a wedding. Congregation members were so excited about the occasion, they presented a Bible to the bride.

Great Britain has 200,000,000,000 tons of known coal reserves within a depth of 4,000 feet which would last for five centuries, Sir Harold Hartley, chairman fuel research board, said.

The population of Soviet Russia has more than doubled since 1926, the new census indicates. 2318

Women Aviators

Nearly Twice As Numerous In U.S. As They Were Two Or Three Years Ago

Women aviators—as old as 61 and as young as 16—are nearly twice as numerous in the United States as they were 2½ years ago.

The number holding licenses has jumped from 44 to 761 since February, 1937. In addition, there are 10 girl flyers in Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Alaska. The women fly big and little ships. Three are licensed to pilot gliders.

Most of them fly for fun, records at the Civil Aeronautics Authority show.

Although there are no women airline pilots at present, 70 have flown the 200 solo hours required for a commercial or transport license. Another 27 hold the 60-hour limited commercial licenses which allow them to do charter business.

The women fliers range from grandmothers who dropped their knitting needles to take hold of the "stick" to debutantes who weigh their flying into fun-filled days.

The oldest woman pilot recorded is Edith Clark, 61, of Porterville, Cal.

Fight With Sharks

Three Men Had Narrow Escape In Fishing Boat Off Scotland

Three men had narrow escapes when a school of 50 basking sharks surrounded their boat and one of the sharks hurled the boat out of the water, off Peniarth, six miles from Campbeltown, Argyllshire, Scotland.

Blinded by water, Hugh Cameron, the owner, clung to the wheel, and brought the boat back to land, keel. Struggling to beat the sharks, the three men managed to reach land.

"We had not got far out when the Maggie (their motor-fishing boat) was surrounded by sharks—10 or 20 of them," Cameron said.

"Suddenly a fin appeared right in front of us, and I saw a shark rising to the surface underneath the boat. I could have touched it with my hand. I swung the Maggie round, but the propeller was struck by the shark, and we were flung out of the water."

Changing Eating Habits

Practice Of Large Meat Meals

P. A. Francis of Rutland, near London, arrived at Quebec in the liner Empress of Australia with the word that the Mother Country's eating trend is away from the time-honored roast beef. Mr. Francis was en route to Cleveland to represent the British Government at the world poultry congress.

"In the Old Country we are turning more and more to light meals, salads, eggs and greens," he told reporters. "Gradually the population is dropping the practice of large daily meat meals."

He explained that no one wants to eat heavily when he has to spend the day at a desk or in a factory. Mr. Francis said the change has created an improved market for imported poultry. Canada figures largely in the supply, but her sales could be expanded.

England imports 60 per cent. of the eggs consumed and 30 per cent. of the poultry, he said. Canada supplies a large amount of poultry, but is faced with Danish competition in the egg market.

Parliament members are liable to imprisonment in the clock tower at the order of the speaker for persistent absence from the sittings of the House of Commons. Last imprisonment was in 1820.

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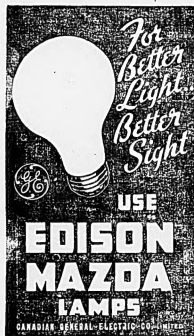
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ROYAL MENU CARDS ON CANADIAN NATIONAL DINER

Commemorating the tour of Their Majesties the King and Queen across Canada, a special menu card has been placed in all dining cars and hotels of the Canadian National Railways. The artistically designed card depicts a giant 6400-type Canadian National locomotive in Royal blue and silver hauling the Royal Train with a scenic background typical of some of the areas through which the train will pass during the journey over the lines of the National System. On the front of the locomotive is shown a plaque of the Royal Coat-of-Arms in natural colors, with another one on the side of the tender.

These menu cards show the many choice dishes served to patrons from among the general public and will serve as an attractive souvenir of the Royal Visit to Canada.

L. D. Nesbitt Addressed Meeting on Wheat Situation At Convention

The Annual Convention of the Acadia U. F. A. Co-operative Association was held on Monday afternoon in the Chinook Hotel. Mr. Leonard D. Nesbitt, publicity representative of the Alberta Wheat Pool, as he outlined the world wheat situation, Mr. Nesbitt who addressed the meeting foresaw a glut on the world wheat market in years to come, together with low prices.

The Ladies' Card Club Met Tuesday Evening

The Ladies' Card Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Sawyer. Honors were shared by Mrs. J. Peyton and Mrs. W. S. Lee. The Club will meet next week at the home of Mrs. L. Robinson with Miss D. MacLean as hostess.

WOOD, TEXTILES, IRON ARE ONLY INDUSTRIES EMPLOYING OVER 100,000

Reviewing all Canadian manufacturing industries, latest report from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows that only three provide employment for more than one hundred thousand workers. These are the Wood and Paper industry, employing 132,371; the Textile industry employing 114,966; and the iron and its products with 107,202. The same three industries also lead all others in salaries and wages paid.

PACKY PAUL WINS

GLOUCESTER, England, June 6.—Packy Paul of Richdale, Alta., Monday night won a decision over Len Moden, heavyweight titleholder of the west of England, in a ten-round match here. The Canadian weighed 184 and his opponent 184½.

Who's Mad Now?

A Chinese, said by his doctor to be insane, was being questioned by a specialist.
"Do you ever have any illusions?" asked the medical.
"What are they?" asked the Chinese through an interpreter.
"Why," explained the doctor, "do you ever hear voices, for instance?"
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